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■ **WALKING SHOES:** Soles in step with solidarity



VICTORIA GRAY
InPort News Staff

PORT COLBORNE — Lakeshore Catholic High School students made principal Dan DiLorenzo proud when they came to support the many people living in unsuitable conditions around the world.



There are people who don't have what we have and it's important to give back."

Dan DiLorenzo

"They get it," he said. "It really shows a commitment of the part of the students."

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Lakeshore Catholic High School students in Port Colborne embarked on a wet pilgrimage Sunday, motivated by thoughts of those who live in impoverished countries.

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■ WALKING SHOES

Catholic students complete pilgrimages

FROM PAGE 1

More than 400 students attended the annual pilgrimage Sunday morning to support Third World countries despite constant rain and chilly wind.

"This is a culmination of our faith," DiLorenzo said. "We're promoting social justice and they are here all together walking the talk."

The students at all eight Catholic high schools in the region completed pilgrimages of their own on Sunday and board members walked with them.

Superintendent of Education Frank Iannantuono said everyone walked to a need for the world to ensure all people

are treated equally.

"There are people who don't have what we have and it's important to give back," he said.

Students started the day with mass then walked from the school on Janet

Street to Fares St., along the Friendship Trail to Reuter Rd., up to Lorraine Rd. and back for a barbecue.

Lakeshore Catholic supports St. John's Catholic Elementary School and the Grange Seniors' home in

Portsmouth, Dominica. DiLorenzo said in 10 years students must have raised more than \$200,000.

"They (Niagara Catholic students) are showing solidarity with their brothers and sisters all over the world."

■ FUNDRAISER: Students to send first-aid kits

Steele Street twins with Ethiopian school

VICTORIA GRAY
InPort News Staff

PORT COLBORNE — When grade six student Brooklyn Barker learned about everyday life for Ethiopians she was shocked and it made her reevaluate her own life.

That's exactly what her teacher Chrys Fraipont was hoping for when she applied to have Steele Street Public School twinned with a school in Ethiopia last year.

"I think some of the students are stuck in their (view) of their community of Port Colborne and I wanted them to see what another part of the world was like," she said.

The grade six class spray painted pumpkins and collected raffle tickets last week for 25 cents. All the money raised will go toward purchasing first aid kits to send to the twin school Megabit 18 in Axum, Ethiopia.

Wednesday the grade seven at the school will host a haunted house in the gym for \$1 admission with all proceeds going toward the twin project.

TWINNING PROJECT

Only eight schools in Canada participate in the project.

Steele Street Public School has written letters, learned about Ethiopia's culture, history and geography and raised funds for the twin school: Megabit 18.

Students also collected nonperishable food items for Port Cares to give back to their own community while trying to help another.

From Monday to

Wednesday the grade seven at the school will host a haunted house in the gym for \$1 admission with all proceeds going toward the twin project.

"(Ethiopia) is so different and it helps to slow down (the students) and think of their life and realize how good they have it," Fraipont said.

Grade six student Logan Tworzyck liked getting letters from the twin school and learning about the country.

"I find it very interesting because they (live so differently)," she said.

She also can't get over how hot it is in Ethiopia.

"I don't know what I would do," she said.

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■ HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DAY



Martin Ross helped collect waste from people's cars at the Niagara Region's Household Hazardous Waste day in Wainfleet.

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■ FOOD DRIVE

Wet Lions feed a need in Wainfleet



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The Wainfleet Lions Club and volunteers were happy to help local food banks, despite Saturday's rain. Back from left: Earl Sibbald, Josh Tanguay, John Taylor, Lucas Mann-Clattenbury and George Deryute. Front from left: Tyler Minor and Mel Jackson.

VICTORIA GRAY
InPort News Staff

WAINFLEET — Poverty doesn't quit because it's a little damp and neither do the Wainfleet Lions.

About 10 members of the Wainfleet Lions Club and six student volunteers braved the rain and the cold to fight a war on hunger for south Niagara by collecting non-perishable food items at the 10th annual Wainfleet Food Drive on Saturday in the parking lot of the arena.

Chair of the food drive George Deryute said despite the rain donations were coming in steadily.

The crew stood outside from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. they were in good spirits and offering coffee, tea and hot chocolate to everyone who walked by while flagging down every car that passed for donations.

"People have been really great about donating and even those who didn't know the food drive was on have offered

money," he said.

Proceeds from the food drive will be split among the Salvation Army and St. Vincent de Paul Society in Dunnville, Port Cares in Port Colborne and Open Arms Mission in Welland because all three agencies support Wainfleet residents.

One man who didn't want to be identified said he didn't realize the food drive was happening, but donated \$100 and wouldn't take a tax receipt.

Deryute said a lot of people donate money and by 10:30 a.m. the crew already had about \$500 and two SUV trucks full of food.

Last year the Lions raised more than \$1,300 and 2,000 lbs. of food. Deryute didn't think the food drive would generate as much this year because of the rain.

"We're hopeful the Port Colborne and Welland food drives next Saturday will also do well, but we're in good spirits anyway," he said.

They also collected two

truck fulls of food from Credit Union who helped the drive by encouraging St. Elizabeth Catholic Elementary School, Winger Public School and William E. Brown Public School students to take part.

Grade 8 student from St. Elizabeth Tyler Minor volunteered with the Lions sorting food in a trailer and helping gather donations.

He said he volunteered because he needed community service hours for his upcoming Confirmation, but he also just wanted to help people.

"We're all equal and we all deserve fair treatment and a good life," he said.

Deryute said 100% of the proceeds go back to the community because that's just what Lions do.

"We're here to help the community," he said. "We're just regular guys trying to help other ordinary guys."

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■ DISCUSSION: Cogeco to air program on Oct. 31

Poverty from a personal experience

SARAH FERGUSON
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WELLAND — Poverty has a financial impact on the community, the host of Taking Niagara By Storm told a crowd of nearly 40 people at Rose City Kids Theatre.

John Storm opened up a dialogue about poverty and why it exists during the discussion last Wednesday night, and was just one of the speakers for the night.

Elisabeth Zimmermann, executive director of YWCA Niagara Region, spoke about poverty from personal experience.

Zimmermann relied on social assistance living at the poverty level for more than a decade.

"It can still bring me to tears," she said, adding she was one of many people on social assistance who never thought they would need to rely on it.

Catharine Mindorff-Facca, of Niagara Research and Planning Council, said poverty is not an individual problem, it is a problem for an entire community.

Eliminating poverty requires an investment in a municipality's strategic economic plan which requires the participation of politicians, local business owners and individuals. Doing nothing to help individuals move

out of poverty has a large financial impact, she said.

To put poverty into perspective, Mindorff-Facca said the social cost to Niagara is about \$27.7 million per year. That money could provide funding for 1,200 new homes, 648 public transit buses and employ 55,000 people per year with a \$55,000 salary, and if invested properly, could aid individuals in obtaining a higher income and leave poverty behind.

Ward 3 Coun. Paul Grenier agreed with Mindorff-Facca that all programs providing income support for people living in poverty only sustain their lives, "not bring them out of it."

All municipalities in the region should make an

investment in helping to end poverty because it "is a unifying force in Niagara," she said.

Storm asked Niagara Regional Police Chief Jeff McGuire whether there was a link between crime and poverty.

Although it is difficult to find a direct correlation, McGuire said he believes there is.

People living in poverty face daily challenges, including the inability to find proper housing, employment and a lack of education, which can cause people to turn to crime which has an added cost for taxpayers, he said.

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John Storm, left, host of Taking Niagara By Storm, listens as Ward 3 Coun. Paul Grenier, right, discussed the need for the entire community to become involved in eradicating poverty Wednesday at Rose City Kids Theatre.

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Doctors overstep bounds

Setting aside their contract spat with the province, taxpayers can be thankful for Ontario doctors in more ways than for their life-saving skills:

■ Most physicians trained here stay in Canada, a boon to taxpayers who shoulder the burden of the more than \$1 million in costs to educate and train each doctor.

■ Many young doctors at least consider small-town or rural family practice, and some — not enough — actually follow through, forsaking big-city professional hubs.

■ The turf wars of old — doctors hogging all the medical work — are largely history, the profession recognizing other health-care disciplines such as nurse practitioners and pharmacists can handle some of the load to the benefit of everyone.

But all that aside, taxpayers don't need doctors prescribing higher taxes or shock-treatment advertising on junk food.

The Ontario Medical Association, representing the province's doctors, this week called for both on foods deemed fattening and lacking nutritional value, in a bid to fight an "epidemic" in childhood obesity.

The idea is an offence to taxpayers, who in Ontario pay layers of taxes for health care, including a head tax imposed by liberals who swore they wouldn't like taxes. More to the point, if the province wanted advice on using sin taxes and cigarette-like warning labels to get people to swear off pizza and chips, it has other public servants for that.

Government economists don't advise doctors on evidence-based medicine, after all.

That childhood obesity is a problem, there's no disputing.

The doctors are right. According to the OMA, nearly one-third of Canadian kids are overweight or obese. That's a potentially huge drain on the health-care system down the road.

But it's simplistic to think higher taxes and scary advertising are the answer. Culture, lifestyle and economics also weigh into the issue.

And if a fat tax was slapped in place, would it extend beyond the cheap, starchy stuff that feeds too many lower-income households, to say the creamy cheeses, fole gras and marbled steaks favoured by upper-crust palates?

Your life is our life's work — that's the OMA's slogan. The doctors should stick to that.

I'VE BEEN THINKING

Jesus fulfills everything and everyone

INTERIM PASTOR GARY TOMIUCK
Wainfleet Christian Congregational Church

The word (Jesus) became flesh and made His dwelling and tabernacled among us. John 1:14. This is a short study which emphasizes the importance of the tabernacle articles and how they are all fulfilled in Christ.

Walk with me now into the courtyard and the first article you would come to would be the Bronze Altar. Like every other furnishing it had poles made with which to carry it from place to place. It was nearly 8' wide and 5' tall. It was a giant square grill whose fire was always burning. This was used constantly for sin offerings. And most importantly on the Day of Atonement once a year when the High Priest offered sacrifice for His own sins and then for the sins of Israel. By placing his hands on the head of the animal their sins were imputed to it and it became their substitute.

Jesus was slain and laid upon the cross which was in effect an altar. He became our sinless substitute. His Blood is more potent, is more valuable and it is a one time final sacrifice for all. The next article you would come to would be the Bronze Laver. This was a basin filled with water. The priest's would have to wash

continually to be holy and clean from their sins less they die. And who was more Holy than Jesus — Holy Holy Holy is the Lord God Almighty. If the Bronze Altar declared the sinner justified, the Bronze Laver made him sanctified. And Jesus is to an infinite degree our justification and our sanctification. As you keep on walking you would see a thick veil separating the Holy Place from the Tabernacle courtyard. And in this first room stood the Golden Lampstand. This was like a golden candelabrum standing about 5' tall with one central shaft broadened out at the bottom to form a base. Six branches spread out from there three on each side. This lampstand was beaten out of pure gold. It was made from a single talent of gold and weighed about 75 lbs. The top of each branch was designed to hold a lamp. The Priests were to burn pure olive oil 24 hours a day. This lampstand foreshadowed Jesus' Light of the World.

Behind this first curtain was the Table of Showbread. This was a small table overlaid with gold to symbolize fellowship between God and His people. On this Table were the bread of presence which were 12 loaves, two rows of six loaves each. The Priests symbolically offered up the people to the Lord.

Jesus is the Bread of Life who came down

from Heaven. His flesh is food as we feed upon Him we are nourished. Whoever comes to Jesus will never hunger again.

Now we come to the second curtain which separates the Holy Place from the Most Holy Place. And behind this curtain we see the Golden Altar of Incense representing prayers which were sweet smelling and pleasing, rising up in smoke to God's throne.

No one could pray like Jesus. He always prayed according to God's perfect will. He is our Great Intercessor who takes our feeble and frail prayers and prays to God on our behalf.

Lastly we now come to the most important and sacred article of all the Ark of the Covenant. This Ark was a wooden chest overlaid with pure gold. It was 3-3/4 feet long, 2-1/4 feet wide and 2-1/4 feet high.

It contained two stone tablets which were the Ten Commandments, a Golden Udd holding manna and Aaron's staff that budded. On top of the Ark was the Mercy Seat with golden Cherubim outstretched across it. The Mercy Seat represented the Place of God's Presence. Jesus is our Mercy Seat. He is the very presence and fullness of God.

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readers'views

Lions Carnival winners

The Port Colborne Lions Club would like to thank all the volunteers who worked extremely hard to make this year's carnival a success. The winners of our draws were:

Staffed animal with cash, supplied by Back Jewellers Ltd. And Mid City Auto Service - Harry Dayhoff, Iren Lambert, Rosemary Molnar, Shannah Mofr and Wayne Kovach; G-10 Scooter, supplied by Royal LePage and E-Ride - Seb Heli; Barbécue and steaks, supplied by Home Hardware on Davis St. and Joe's Meats & Deli - Karen Wagner; BMX bicycle, supplied by Christopher's Pizza - Tyler Latham; 55-inch Sony home theatre, supplied by Roggio Pharmacy and Davidson Funeral Home - Mike Koros; Nightly cash draw, Car draw - Clint Minor, George Excel, Alex Macleod, John Sunday, Kevin Tworzycki; Car draw - Doug Burwell.

Our thanks and appreciation go out to everyone who supported our Lions Carnival again this year and made it the success it was.

John Fiesch
Treasurer, Port Colborne Lions Club

Into the sunset

McGuinty still lives in Niagara

No one can deny that Dalton McGuinty's recent escape was made in part because of the two natural gas power plants he ordered moved, not cancelled, at a huge cost to Ontario taxpayers in order to buy votes.

It is also impossible not to include those gas plants as an integral part of McGuinty's failed green energy agenda still being enforced in Ontario under the Green Energy Act.

Even the Drummond report highlighted the awful flaws in the green agenda and other commentaries have remarked on the behind closed door meetings and secret deals with private companies.

No credible business plan has ever been released and it is now accepted worldwide that any future for both industrial wind and solar energy will always depend totally on huge tax subsidies.

But McGuinty can ride off into the sunset with his tax-funded and generous pension clutched in his hands in the knowledge that his legacy lives on in Niagara.

Last June, regional council agreed to consider a motion to request the provincial

government impose a moratorium on any future wind energy projects until further investigations were completed.

The majority of regional councillors who endorsed the motion was rejected chose not to discontinue what had been a part of a regional council that had entered into a multimillion dollar deal with a local wind energy company in 2006 to form a private/public company. In that instance the wind energy project failed.

One would think that that should have been the end of this particular deal?

Apparently not. Your regional council, always ready to claim a shortage of funds, are still holding secret, behind closed door meetings about Wind Energy Niagara, a redundant wind energy company.

The same contractor is still peddling wind energy projects, but now under a totally different company.

The least this regional council can do is inform their public if they really intend to carry forward a multimillion tax dollar failed project six years ago, to new projects still not finally approved and involving different companies to WEN? McGuinty would be proud.

Andrew Watts
Wainfleet

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■ I'VE BEEN THINKING

Jesus hears
our prayers

FROM PAGE 4

He went through the greater tabernacle in Heaven by His own shed blood. And now believers come to God through the torn flesh and Blood of Jesus.

When the Lord died the curtain was ripped from top to bottom. We can now come boldly to the Throne of Grace and find help during our time of need.

I commend you if you have managed to plow through these detailed and intricate tabernacle articles. They are all saturated with rich historical significance and they are all fulfilled in Christ, who alone can also fulfill you.

Don't be like the prodigal's son ending pigslap. Don't be like the Solomon who had wine, women, power and money, and who said after all of this been there, done that, now what? These substitutes are like broken cisterns that can hold no water. Come to that cross-shaped altar, repent, confess your sins and experience Jesus your Mercy Seat, the Bread from Heaven, and the Living Water.

Who alone can fulfill and satisfy you like no-one or nothing else.

■ COLUMN

The end of men and other female fantasies

Hannah Rosin, a writer for Atlantic magazine, has just published a book with the provocative title *The End of Men*.

Based on a short list of selective trends, Hannah is predicting the meltdown of the male in today's world. I have two words for Hannah Rosin: "Oh yeah, well, like that's what you think, eh?"

The complete title is *The End of Men: And The Rise of Women*. Hannah's flawed forecast of the demise of men in today's society is based on a number of current trends between the sexes.

"More women are attending and graduating from universities and colleges." Well duh! Of course more women are going to college and stupid drug testing is the reason. College women don't take steroids and growth hormones like men do, they get kicked off the team and have to take jobs at Fat Boy Burgers and wind up with certificates in spot welding from a correspondence course.

Young men today don't need no degrees; they got stomachs that ripple and biceps the size of grapefruits.

"Men have become dependent upon women as the breadwinners." Well of course we have. Men stopped evolving as a

species in 1969. At every juncture of social change, each time men got smarter, women gave us more difficult assignments. It wasn't fair. Men created amazing technology so the machines would do the work for us and we could spend quality time drinking beer and hunting. Instead we ended up staying home and chilling uncooked chardonnay and operating salad shooters.

We've been emasculated and so yes, we're now feather dusting and picking the kids up from school because no self-respecting guy wants to show up at work with his ... you know, without that masculinating, thing. Oh and by the way, thank you very much for coming up with the term "junk."

"Men need marriage more than women." Oh yeah, sure. If you're right about women being today's breadwinners, then yes we are absolutely desperate to go to the altar with



WILLIAM THOMAS

HUMOUR

somebody who makes \$100,000 a year and gives us \$50 bucks a week to buy groceries which unfortunately does not include alcoholic beverages.

You know what they say: a man is incomplete until he's married. Then he's really finished!

And seriously, would it kill you to buy us some new vacuum cleaner bags without us having to borrow from other guys in the neighbourhood who pretend they don't know where the vacuum cleaner is whenever we knock on their doors? And no, we will not wear those stupid aprons.

"Men need marriage to survive." Really!

George Clooney does not look to me to be a man who's hanging on to his last days on earth by his finger nails. On the other hand, it seems marriage may have driven long-time bachelor Clint Eastwood just a little kookoo.

With half of all marriages ending in divorce these days, I believe surviving the lawyers is a bigger task than getting through a marriage and living to tell about it.

When it was pointed out to the great philosopher Johnny Carson that married men live longer than single men, his response was: "Oh, what a shame, because married men are so much more willing to die." And Hannah, just so you know, Johnny Carson was survived by all of his wives.

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■ WILLIAM THOMAS

Men want to be wild and beguiled again

FROM PAGE 5

So there.
No, I'm sorry but the rumours of our death are greatly exaggerated.

Think about it. You get rid of men and you get rid of war and conflict and guns and bombs and violence and carnage and spiffy uniforms and ... OK, forget that part.

You get rid of men and you might as well close down every Hooter's restaurant in the world! Plus golf courses and the live bait industry is going to take a real hit as well.

Without men there would be no natural reproduction and the world of women would once again have to turn to Vince Vaughn who played the sperm donor who artificially produced

over 500 children in *The Delivery Man*. Frankly Hustler magazine would be unable to keep up with that kind of demand. Such a selective gene pool could produce more series of siblings like the Baldwin brothers or the Olson twins and nobody, man or woman wants that to happen.

Men aren't necessarily against marriage; it's just that, at heart, what we really want is to be boys

again, to be wild again, beguiled again, a simpering, whimpering child again ... hey, where the hell was I?

Oh yeah, talking about that woman who claims that because we're so unfocused, we're dying out.

Well I would argue that women need men a whole lot more than we need them.

And might I just quote the

book title of Cynthia Heimel, a woman no less who summed up the dependency of today's female on the male species: *A Woman Without A Man Is Like A Fish Without A Bicycle!*

So there you go Hannah. If you want to live in a world without fish and bicycles and live bait, then go ahead, make our day!

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■ **FIRE:** Car believed to have caused blaze

Garage fire in Port

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PORT COLBORNE — Fire tore through a Stanley St. garage last week causing more than \$170,000 in damage.

Port Colborne Fire and Emergency Services responded to reports of a vehicle fire in the garage of a home at 501 Stanley St. at about 10:30 a.m.

The owners of the home were alerted to the fire by a smoke alarm and were able to vacate the house without injury.

"See, working smoke alarms in homes do save lives," said Port Colborne fire Chief Tom Cartwright, who was still on scene shortly before 4 p.m. He stressed the importance of ensuring alarms are correctly installed and working properly.

Firefighters were able to move quickly and get the blaze under control.

"There was tremendous heat," Cartwright said of the fire, which at one point had flames coming out of the top and back of the garage.

The garage contained storage space in its top half, which also

caught fire. Access to the storage area was impeded by the garage door, which had to be removed, Cartwright said.

The garage was attached to the house through a sun room.

Firefighters were able to cut the fire off in the room and prevent any significant damage from reaching the interior of the home. The interior did receive some minor smoke damage.

The house next door to the garage also sustained damage.

Cartwright pegged the damage caused by the fire at \$75,000 for contents of the garage, \$75,000 for the structure and \$20,000 to \$25,000 for exposure damage done to the neighbouring home.

The fire is believed to have started in the engine compartment of the 2004 Chrysler Sebring parked in the garage, Cartwright said.

The convertible was in "immaculate condition" and hadn't been driven in about a week, he said, adding it was used as a weekend vehicle by the homeowners.

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Port Colborne Fire and Emergency Services firefighters battle a garage fire at 501 Stanley St. in Port Colborne on Tuesday morning. The fire was contained to the garage but caused damage to a next door home with flames melting off siding. DAVE JOHNSON Staff Photo

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■ **LANDFILL:** Input welcome

Expansion proposed for landfill

SARAH FERGUSON
InPort News Staff

WELLAND — Niagara's project manager of waste management services sees the low turnout at the recent Humberstone landfill site open house as a good sign.

Peter Kryger said the low turnout, about 15 residents came out to hear about a proposed expansion, shows "the general public doesn't have major concerns about the project."

The night was an opportunity to discuss the development of terms of reference for the environmental assessment for a proposed expansion of the landfill site to increase its life expectancy.

Kryger said the public still has the opportunity to make comments about the project.

The site been serving south Niagara since the early 1940s, and is expected to reach capacity by 2016. The proposed expansion would increase the life expectancy of the site by 25 years.

Ted O'Neil, project manager from Golder Associates, which is



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Peter Kryger

consulting with the region on the expansion proposal, said in order for the project to move forward, an environmental assessment needs to be completed as required by the Ministry of the Environment's regulations.

"There are five items that need to be addressed by an environmental assessment before the project can begin," said O'Neil.

These items include looking at methods of landfill expansion, predicting environmental conditions, mitigating problems, comparing other solutions to expanding the landfill and evaluating the preferred method to deal with the site reaching capacity.

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■ **FUNDRAISER**

Fashion show to support United Way

SARAH FERGUSON
InPort News Staff

PORT COLBORNE — Meals on Wheels Port Colborne is inviting the public to support the United Way and look fashionable, too.

Tickets are now available for the Winter Fashion Flair, on Nov. 15, at Croftian National Centre, said Leslie Kennedy, executive director, Meals on Wheels Port Colborne.

"This is the first time we have held a fashion show and it's definitely different than anything we've done in the past," said Kennedy, adding the organization thought it was time "to switch things up" by hosting a fashion show.

Doors open at 6 p.m. with dinner being served at 6:30 p.m., followed by the fashion show featuring eight models each who will show off the latest trends from Absa-Fashion-Lutely, a new store at 229 Main St. in Port Colborne, said Kennedy. Guests will also enjoy a number of vendors offering everything from jewelry, to cosmetics and purses as well as a discount on clothing they see in the show, she adds.

Kennedy said supporting United Way is important because all of the money raised goes back into community initiatives including the Meals on Wheels program. She adds the event is still looking for local businesses and vendors to sponsor the event.

Tickets, which include dinner, are \$40 per person and can be purchased in advance from Meals on Wheels by calling 905-835-1581 or Absa-Fashion-Lutely at 905-835-6668.

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to discuss their concerns about how the project would impact the noise level, air quality, ground water, surface water and land use.

O'Neil said the final draft of the terms of reference for the project will be submitted to the MOE by the end of November. Once approved, the environmental assessment could begin in the spring of 2013 and be conducted over a 12 to 18-month period and another open house will be held to update the public on the process, he added.

For more information about the project visit www.niagararegion.ca/waste.

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■ ARTS AND CULTURE

Marketing initiative wins provincial award



It was a very competitive field, with entries from ... across Ontario."

Mayor Vance Badawey

PORT COLBORNE — The Niagara's South Coast Arts and Culture Route has earned Port Colborne the top provincial award in the Best Marketing Initiative Under \$25,000 category.

The awards were announced at the Ontario Tourism Marketing Partnership

Corporation's annual Tourism Summit, held in London, Ont., from Oct. 22 to 24.

During the summit, an awards gala is held to celebrate excellence in Ontario's tourism industry.

Port Colborne Mayor Vance Badawey was pleased with the win.

"It was a very competitive field, with entries from communities and also large regions from across Ontario," he said in a press release.

"We have brought our marketing strategy to the next level ensuring that the City of Port Colborne receives international recognition as an

additional, dynamic Niagara destination."

The Arts and Culture Route project includes information and locations for 46 artists and artisans in Niagara's South Coast.

The Arts and Culture Route was made possible through funding from the

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■ POLITICS

Local Liberals elect new president

InPort News Staff

WELLAND — The Welland Federal Liberal Association has a new president and executive board.

Peter Opdam was elected the association's president at the annual general meeting held last week.

He succeeds Sue Barnett who was president for 10 years.

Barnett served Liberal interests in the riding "with distinction and integrity," according to a news release about the meeting.

Opdam sees opportunity for local Liberals to win back the riding.

"Liberals have decades of great leadership and service under their belts throughout the region," he said. "Our chance is now to begin the fight to regain this riding for the Liberal brand. We will do this by shedding light on the stark contrast between our vision for Canada and the vision of the Harper Conservatives and the NDP."



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■ **NEW HOSPITAL:** South Niagara Health Care Corp. will look at cause

Petition not endorsed by council

MARYANNE FIRTH
InPort News Staff

PORT COLBORNE — Welland's hospital petition is heading to the South Niagara Health Care Corp.

Port Colborne council received Welland's request to endorse the petition last week, but decided to refer it to the corporation for review at its next meeting.

The SNHCC will meet Nov. 26 at 1 p.m. at Port Colborne city hall.

Prior to the decision being made, Ward 4 Coun. Barbara Butters asked that council give endorsement to the petition during Monday's discussion.

The petition asks the provincial government to retain services at Welland and Niagara Falls hospitals, which include inpatient pediatrics and obstetrics.

It also asks for construction of a new south Niagara hospital in a more central Welland location, rather than the recommended Niagara Falls site.

Butters asked that councillors endorse the petition and that the city make it accessible for residents to sign.

"It's important that we do stand together with our neighbours on this," she said.

Ward 3 Coun. Frank Danch accessed a copy of the petition and will have it available for signing at his business, Frank's Home Building Centre, 270 Main St. W.

Port Colborne Mayor Vance Badway suggested the petition be referred to the



Butters



Danch

SNHCC.

The corporation, he said, intends to bring an "expert panel on board" to see what is in the best interest of south Niagara, including Port Colborne.

"It's important to do this before we move forward," he told council.

Once the corporation and its panel have an opportunity to review the petition and other options, a recommendation will come back to city council, Badway said.

Ward 1 Coun. Bill Steele, Ward 2 Couns. Yvon Doucet and Angie Desmarais, and Ward 4 Coun. Ron Bodner were in favour of the motion to refer the petition to the SNHCC.

Butters and Danch were opposed.

Ward 1 Coun. Dave Elliott and Ward 3 Coun. Bea Kenny were absent from the meeting.

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■ IAN THOMSON: Crown still proceeding against Port Colborne man

Access to ammunition at issue

MARYANNE FIRTH
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WELLAND — Ian Thomson will not learn the outcome of his controversial firearms charges until the new year.

The Port Colborne man's case returned to a Welland courtroom last Thursday, but adjourned until Jan. 3 to allow Judge Tory Colvin time to review submissions presented by the Crown and defence.

Thomson is on trial for two careless storage of firearms charges stemming from an August 2010 incident in which his home was firebombed by four assailants launching Molotov

cocktails and uttering death threats. He was inside the home at the time of the attack and has previously admitted to firing three shots to ward off the attackers.

His charges stem not from the use of the gun, but from storage of his firearms and ammunition.

"The issue has come down to the ammunition and whether it was stored in accordance with regulation," Colvin said as Thursday's proceedings got underway.

"The position of the Crown ... was that the guns and ammunition were always in the bedroom," said Crown attorney Bob Mahler, who intended to

continue pursuing the charges.

During the beginning of the trial in February, the Crown suggested Thomson had the guns and ammunition in his nightstand beside his bed.

It was an accusation flatly denied by Thomson, who said the guns were taken from his safe. It was, however, indicated that ammunition was in Thomson's bedside table.

The Crown had failed to prove beyond a reasonable doubt that Thomson's guns were illegally stored, Thomson's attorney Edward Burlew said during the previous proceeding.

In having the ammunition in place where it was, with the gun securely

locked up, Thomson satisfied the regulations of not having the ammunition readily available to the firearm, Burlew said Thursday.

"That is the regulatory standing," Mahler argued that though the regulation wording indicated the ammunition should not be readily accessible to the firearm, it is implied by parliament that in turn that ammunition not be readily accessible to the gun owner.

Burlew questioned how the ammunition could be considered not readily accessible to the firearms owner, as the owner could have the key to the safe on hand and open it "within seconds" for access.

The regulation, he added, does not talk about access of the owner to the firearms.

"It talks about the firearm and ammunition and their relationship."

"In other words, if I have no firearms in my home, I could have a fist full of ammunition on the bedside table?" Colvin asked.

"Yes," Burlew responded.

The regulation does not apply only to the licensed firearms owner, but to everyone, Mahler said.

Should an intruder enter the home and find the ammunition, it is readily accessible despite being hidden in a bedside table, he added.

Parliament has legislated that firearms and ammunition to be locked securely not only for safety but to address concerns of suicide and domestic violence, Mahler said.

"If both are locked up, it will cause that moment of pause."

The court is aware the ammunition was not securely locked, Mahler said, adding it's now a matter of determining whether it was readily accessible.

Thomson's previous testimony and evidence have indicated it was readily accessible, he added.

The regulation, Burlew argued, does not say ammunition cannot be readily accessible to the gun owner, but rather to the firearm itself.

If an intruder were to break into the home and find the ammunition, they would still not have access to the firearm that was securely stored, he said.

Burlew argued that because the firearm was locked up, the ammunition was not readily accessible to use.

Written submissions were provided to the court from both the Crown and defence earlier this week. Colvin said he required time to review them thoroughly before making a judgement.

Should he require further clarification, submissions could be provided in writing or possibly presented orally on Jan. 3. If no further clarification is necessary, Colvin said a judgement could potentially be given that day.



FILE PHOTO

Thornhill lawyer Ed Burlew, left, speaks with client Ian Thomson outside the Welland courthouse in May 2012.

THE EVENTS

Aug. 22, 2010: Ian Thomson's Port Colborne home is attacked by four assailants launching Molotov cocktails and uttering death threats. Inside the home at the time, Thomson fires three shots to ward off the attackers.

Aug. 22, 2010: Niagara Regional Police charge Thomson with careless use of a firearm.

November, 2010: Niagara Regional Police and the Crown attorney's office laid three additional firearms charges against Thomson relating to the August incident.

December, 2010: Two men are arrested in connection with the incident. Randy Weaver, of Port Colborne, and Justin Lee, of Welland, were each charged with arson disregard for human life.

Two additional men are later charged in relation to the incident. Richard Courthout, of Welland, and Michael Teberge, of Port Colborne.

March 2, 2011: A peaceful protest is held outside of the Welland Courthouse in support of Thomson as he returns to court.

March 2, 2011: Two charges against Thomson are dropped by the Crown.

Jan. 30, 2012: Thomson's trial for the remaining firearms charges begins in a Welland courtroom. After two days, the trial is adjourned to May and then again adjourned to October.

Oct. 25, 2012: Judge Tory Colvin requires more time to review submissions on the case and adjourns to Jan. 3, 2013.

Dec. 3, 2012: The four accused in the firebombing of Thomson's home will return to St. Catharines court.

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■ **PARK STAGE:** King George Park home to war memorials

Leave memorials alone: Saracino

MARYANNE FIRTH
InPort News Staff

PORT COLBORNE — Lest we forget. Members of Royal Canadian Legion Branch 56 have worked hard over the years to ensure remembrance of the ultimate sacrifice remains prominent in Port Colborne.

Reminders of that sacrifice, made by the men and women of war, can be found throughout King George Memorial Park — and the legion wants to keep it that way.

Legion member Bob Saracino made a presentation to council last week looking for assurances that the memorial items placed in the park by the legion will not be touched should the city move forward with a proposed community stage. Those items, placed to mark different occasions, include a howitzer gun to commemorate the legion's 75th anniversary in 2001, benches marking the 60th anniversary of D-Day in 2004, and the Veterans' Way footpath, created to celebrate the Year of the Veteran in 2005.

Port Colborne's community stage is currently one of many projects from across Canada vying for funding through a contest hosted by Aviva Insurance.

A steering committee, led by Port Colborne resident Mark Robinson and also including Ward 2 Coun. Yvon Doucet and regional Coun. Dave Barrick, submitted the application for the competition following approval from council.

If the project is chosen, the city could receive upward of \$150,000 to make the stage a reality.



Saracino

The public is currently able to vote on the projects from across Canada that they'd like to see receive funding.

If Port Colborne's stage was successful in its quest for funds, Saracino questioned the impact it would have on the existing memorial pieces.

"They are our treasures ... articles of remembrance," he said, calling them a testament to the men and women who fought for Canada.

Doucet stressed the steering committee from the beginning only wanted to move forward with the stage if the legion's memorial pieces would remain undisturbed.

The legion, he added, should have been notified about plans for the stage and intentions to keep the pieces untouched.

If the project does receive funding, it's the city's intention to bring together a committee including all stakeholders to determine how to best move it forward, said Mayor Vance Badway. He recommended that a member of the legion be included on the committee.

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Ringworm is a common name for fungal skin infections. These types of infections are also referred to as tinea. They affect approximately 10% to 20% of the population. Ringworm appears as rings or round red patches with clear centers and red, scaly borders. Tinea can affect the scalp, nails, or skin.

Management for superficial fungal infections involves some simple non-drug methods, and over-the-counter remedies in the form of sprays lotions and creams. Affected individuals should try to reduce moisture in the affected area. Loose-fitted clothing made of cotton or material that absorbs moisture should be worn. The skin should be dried completely before covering with clothing. If the infection involves the feet, flip flops should be worn with bare feet to prevent spread to others and reinfection.

There are also many topical antifungal agents available. Examples include *Canesten cream* (clotrimazole), *Nizoral shampoo* (ketoconazole), and *Monistat-Derm* (miconazole), to name a few. Creams and solutions are useful because they can be rubbed into the area. Solutions work in hairy areas because they are easier to apply. Powders can serve as useful additions to creams and solutions. They are helpful when the infection is wet or oozing, or where a drying agent is needed. When applying the antifungal product it should be applied to the lesion as well as one to two inches around the lesion. The antifungal should also be used for one to two weeks after lesions clear to reduce the rate of recurrence.

Patients who have diabetes, or those who are immunosuppressed may need prescription oral therapy. It is best for your doctor to assess these fungal infections. Fungal infections of the nail are also resistant to over-the-counter treatment.

There are some home remedies for treating nail fungus. Patients have tried applying *Vicks VapoRub* and tea tree oil. There is not a lot of evidence to suggest the efficacy of these products for this condition, however some people may wish to try them before resorting to an oral medication.

If you think you may be affected by a fungal infection there are a number of treatment options available. Most issues can be resolved with some persistence and the proper product. Please speak to your pharmacist about what option is best for you.

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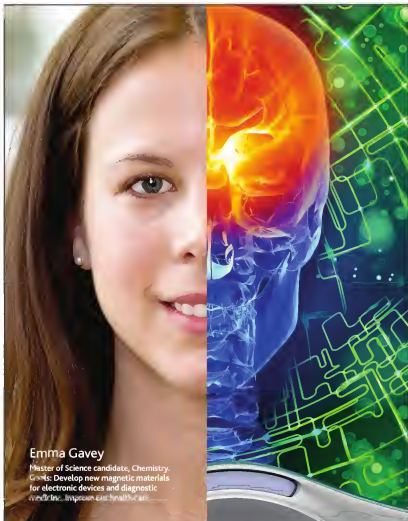
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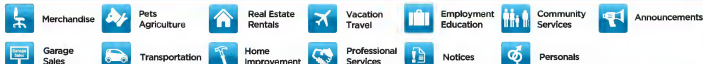
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After that date the Public Guardian and Trustee will proceed to distribute the estate, having regard only to the claims of which she then shall have had notice.

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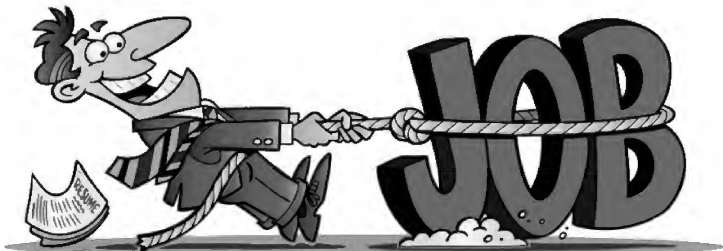
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MARYANNE FIRTH
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PORT COLBORNE — It's time to market Niagara as a whole.

Now that we have in place a major component of Niagara's economic strategy, we must now aggressively market Niagara as a whole."

Maryanne Firth

That's the message Mayor Vance Badaway shared at council recently after councillors reviewed Niagara Region's new Niagara Gateway Economic Zone and Centre Community Improvement Plan.

The city held a public hearing regarding the plan prior to the start of the council meeting, allowing residents the opportunity to provide comment.

The CIP is meant to create economic development and investment in the Gateway Economic Centre, which has been identified as centred in south Niagara near Welland and Port Colborne, including port facilities along the Welland Canal.

If approved, it will allow new and existing developments to take advantage of incentive programs, including the tax increment-based grant program and development charges grant program.

"We're very eager to bring this as part of the region's economic strategy," Badaway said of the Gateway CIP.

"It's important that we go brand it, market it."

Following the public hear-



Badaway

ing, Badaway also focused his mayor's report on the region's Gateway marketing plan.

"Now that we have in place a major component of Niagara's economic strategy, we must now aggressively market Niagara as a whole," he said. It's important to share the "robust menu" of what is available to existing Niagara investors and those coming to the region, he added.

"We need to let people know globally what we have to offer in Niagara."

The CIP is expected to be before Port Colborne council in late November for approval.

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MAINTENANCE CONTINUES

PORT COLBORNE — Maintenance continues on Main St. West. Though a majority of work in the revitalization of the main Port Colborne thoroughfare was completed last summer, maintenance work is still underway.

Ron Hanson, the city's director of engineering and operations, provided city council with an update on the project Monday night.

A deficiency list was provided to the project contractor and work is being completed to rectify damaged concrete and have dead vegetation replaced, he said.

WARD MEETING

PORT COLBORNE — Port Colborne Councillors Ange Desmarais and Yvon Doucet are hosting a Ward 2 meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 7 at the Tim Hortons on the corner of Elizabeth and Portage.

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